

Amendments to the specification:

Pages 15 through 16, paragraph 58.

The downwardly depending flange or skirt 252 further includes an inwardly extending flange or lid member comprising a first inwardly extending rib member 270. The first inwardly extending rib member 270 includes a downwardly and inwardly inclined surface 272 in opposed relation to the underside 210 of the first rib 208. The inclined surface 272 forms an ~~areuate~~ acute angle with respect to the underside 210 of the first rib 208. ~~This angle is an acute angle.~~ The rib 270 extends inwardly toward the centerline axis of the bucket to a radial extent R_3 which radial extent is equal to or greater than the radial extent of the second rib 220; namely, radial extent R_2 .